

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application, which claims are subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner provides that the pending claims are directed to more than one patentably distinct species of the claimed invention. Specifically,

Group I. A display device wherein a distance between the optical switching element and the scanning signal emitting element is less than a pixel pitch at which the plurality of pixels are arranged comprising a first embodiment;

Group II. A display device comprising a louver provided between the optical switching element and the scanning signal light emitting element comprising a second embodiment;

Group III. A display device comprising a focusing element provided between the optical switching element and the scanning signal light emitting element for focusing light emitted from the scanning signal light emitting element on a predetermined area; and

Group IV. A display device wherein light emitted from the scanning signal light emitting element is modulated into a predetermined polarized state, and substantially only light that is in the predetermined polarized state is incident on the optical switching element.

Accordingly, the Applicants were requested under 35 U.S.C. §121 to elect the invention to which prosecution on the merits will be restricted. In this regard, the Applicants elect Group II, i.e., claims 9-16, without traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in a condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

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